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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Dear Sir:

On April 16, 1885, I requested your co-operation in the preparation of a proposed History of American scientific surveys; and on the 1st day of May following, I was gratified to learn through a communication from you that you had commenced the preparation of a sketch of your geological survey of Delaware. Since that time I have received no communication from you relating to the subject, though the time originally fixed for the completion of the History is now expired.

May I beg you to advise me at your earliest convenience whether the sketch has as yet been completed, and if not, whether it can be communicated to us before the 1st of July next, at which time we have arranged to commence the compilation of the History?

I owe you the explanation that the delay in completing this work has been due in part to unusual pressure of official work here, but mainly to the failure of contributors to send in their

sketches so promptly as I desired. The 1st of July next has now been fixed as the latest possible date for the reception and incorporation of material. I sincerely trust that I shall receive your sketch before that time.

Very truly yours,

Director.